

Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

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2019 Term 3 Week 4

Friday 16 August 2019

COMING EVENTS

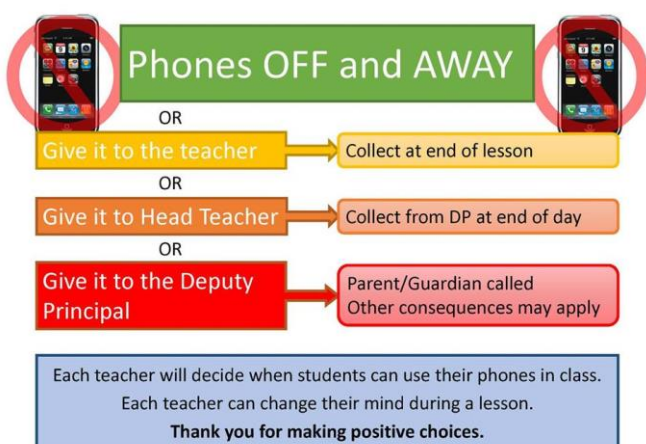
- 19-23 August - Trial HSC exams continue
- 15 August - ANZAC History/Drama Excursion
- 20 August - Sam Bremner Tackle Day
- 22 August - P&C Meeting at 4.30pm
- 29 August - ANSTO Excursion
- 2-6 Sept - Year 11 Construction Work Placement
- 4 Sept - NSW CHS State Athletics Championships
- 5 Sept - Year 12 Physics Excursion
- 9-13 Sept - Year 10 Work Placement
- 13 Sept - Year 12 Biology Excursion

PHONES OFF AND AWAY

Shoalhaven High School has updated its rules for student use of mobile phones. Students have been given several weeks of advance notice by the Relieving Principal Mr Rees and staff, so compliance is expected from students.

This information ties in with the school's 'Bring Your Own Technology' policy and its focus on negative and positive choices for mobile use.

Posters have been placed around the school to remind students about 'Phones Off and Away'.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The start of Term 3 has seen some of our students participate in a wide variety of activities both academic and sporting.

For those of you that have been to the school recently you would have noticed some changes with the construction of the administration building at the front of the school. The construction is estimated to be completed by late September before the end of this term. Once completed the builders will move onto refurbishing the existing front office. All aspects of the project are expected to be finished by early November. The new administration building will become the entrance point to the school for all parents/carers and visitors. The office will function as the hub for meetings, payments and Principal contact. The existing administration office will be for the entry of students only. Students will enter through this building if they are late to school and need to sign in or they have an early departure. Parents/carers collecting students early will go to the new administration office and staff will collect the child and bring to the office. There will be more information about these procedures in the coming newsletters.

Our Year 12 students have commenced their Trial HSC exams during this week. They have worked hard and their results will be a reflection of the effort and attitude they have displayed over the last 2 years. They continue into Week 5. The Trial HSC accounts for 30% of their school assessment and is their final practice of exams before they commence the HSC in Term 4, 2019. Our Year 12 students completing practical subjects such as Industrial Technology, Visual Art, Music and Society and Culture are also in the process of submitting their major works for HSC marking. These projects take

an enormous amount of effort and dedication to complete, and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both the students and staff on their efforts. Year 12 will also be receiving their formal invitations later this week. The formal is for students and immediate family only and will be held at Nowra Golf Club on Wednesday 25 September. Payments for the formal are made through the front office and will need to be finalised 2 weeks prior to the event.

We have also experienced success in the sporting arena over the last couple of weeks. Mr Smith took our mountain bikers to the Coondoo Classic event and the teams performed exceptionally well. Congratulations to all those involved, staff and students. Our athletes went to Canberra to compete in the South Coast Championships earlier in the term. Our students were excellent ambassadors for our school but 2 stood out in particular. I would like to congratulate Cale Green who qualified for state in both the long and high jump. A special mention also needs to go to Mr McDonald from Industrial Arts who drove Cale to the event so he could compete, a very special effort from staff to ensure our students don't miss out on any opportunities. Alexis Charalambous also qualified for the State CHS carnival in numerous middle long distance events. I would like wish these students the very best of luck as they compete later this term in CHS Championships.

Last but not least, Sam Wright-Smith has been travelling and competing in various school hockey championships over the last few months. Sam returned to school this week with the fantastic news that he was selected in the AUSTRALIAN schoolboys Hockey Team to travel to South Africa in 2020. A huge amount of effort, dedication and determination from both Sam and his parents has helped him reach this amazing goal. A well-deserved congratulations and Shoalhaven High School is extremely proud of your efforts.

I would like to take this final opportunity to thank Mr Kem Rakiposki for his service to Shoalhaven High School over the last 6 years. Mr Rakiposki made an enormous difference to the students, staff and community and he will be missed. We wish him the best of luck as he takes up a Director Education Leadership position in the Sutherland area.

Damian Rees, Relieving Principal

VOCATIONAL AWARDS

Congratulations to the students who received awards at the Shoalhaven Excellence in Vocational Education & Training Awards.



8M SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

8M were involved in a science experiment where they designed wind powered vehicles to convert wind energy to kinetic energy, then they raced them.

Congratulations to Jarrad Dallas for his outstanding design.

Click on the link to view the video

[8M Science Experiment](#)

YEAR 8 HISTORY

Some of our lucky (and unlucky) students got to experience the joys of life in the Middle Ages. Our lesson focused on the role of fealty and how feudalism shaped every day lives. A big shout out to our serfs, who accepted their roles with grace. Also to King Dean from the Dirt, thank you for ruling with a just heart. Hopefully you enjoyed those delicious food tokens!



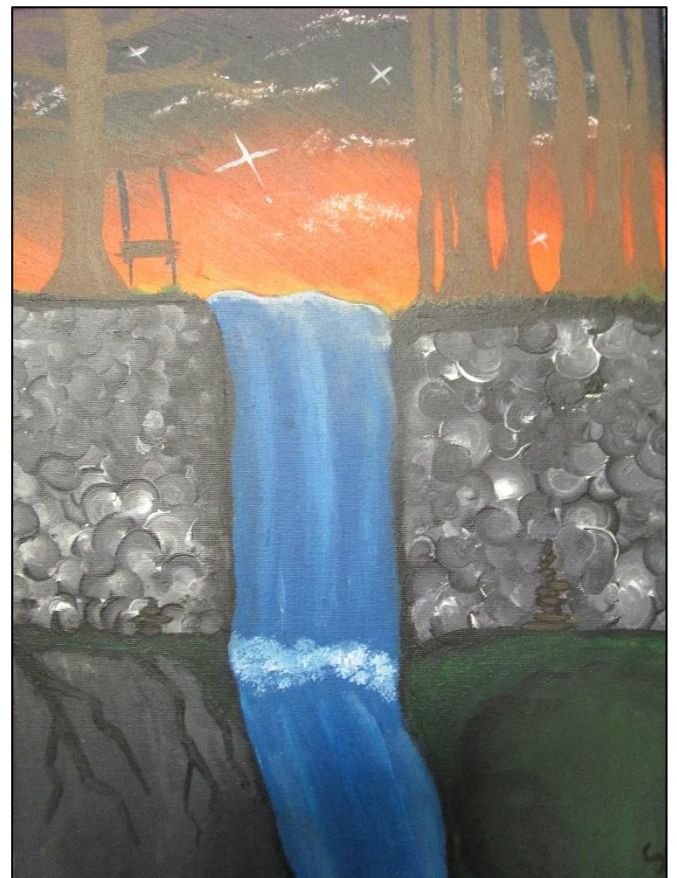
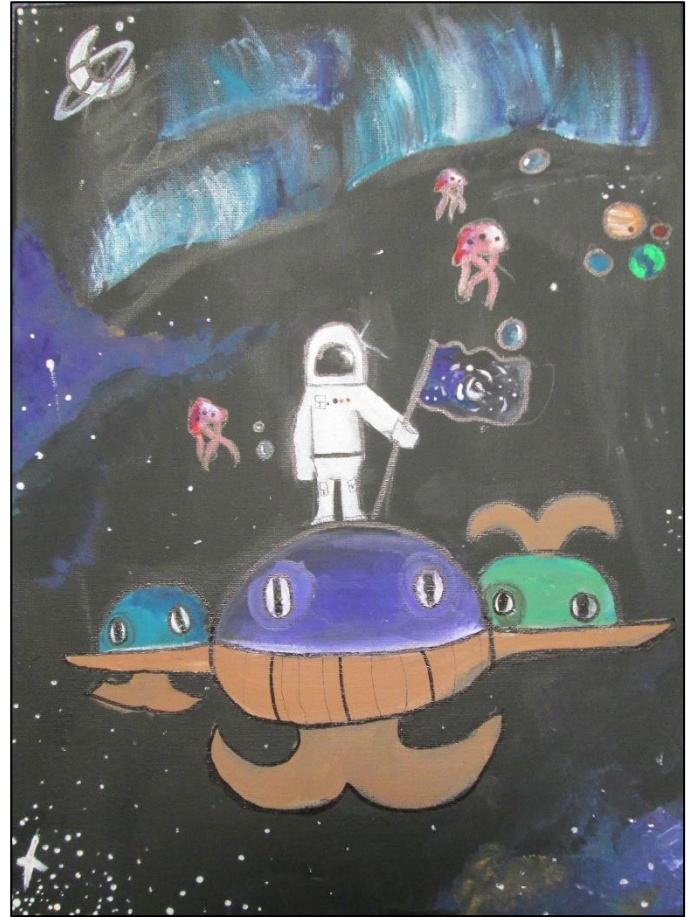
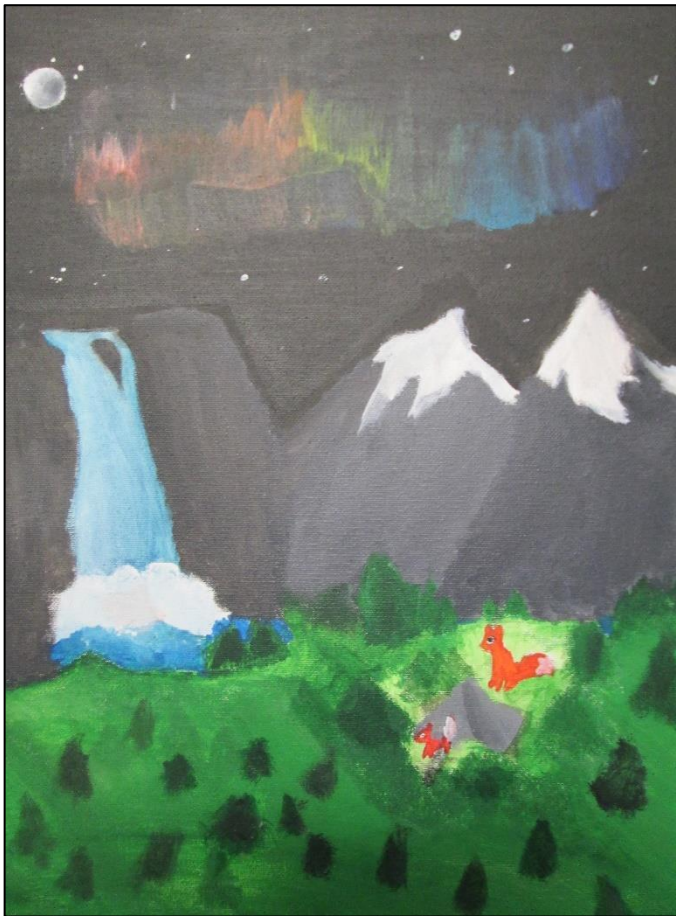
STUDENT LEADERSHIP FORUM



YOUTH ART EXHIBITION

Three of our talented young artists at Shoalhaven High School have entered works in the Youth Art Exhibition by the Shoalhaven Art Society. Their work will be on display at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery. The exhibition finishes on Saturday 31st August.

Congratulations to Megan Blackall, Sienna Goodsell and Jalylah Thomas-Squires for having your work exhibited in the Regional Gallery!



YEAR 7 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

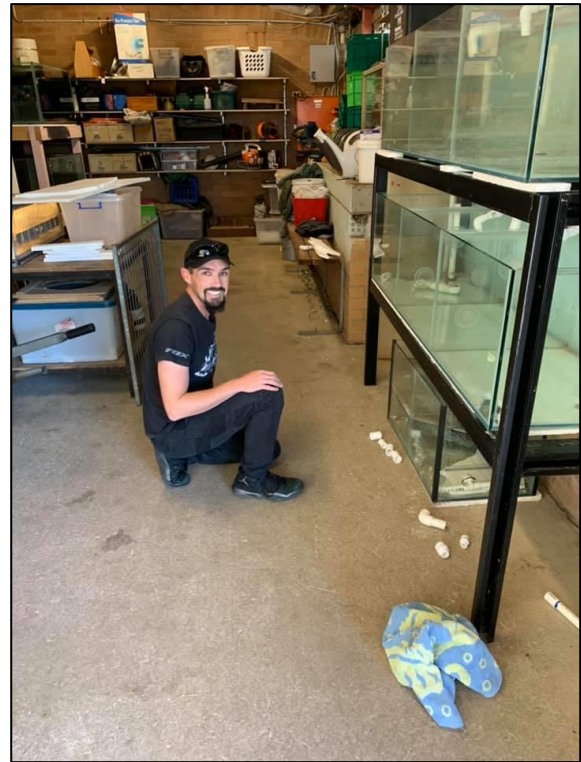
Year 7 Food Technology making chocolate baskets



AQUACULTURE

Mr K setting up some serious aquariums for aquaculture.

A future component of Agriculture at Shoalhaven High School.



A REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL DAY FOR 7K

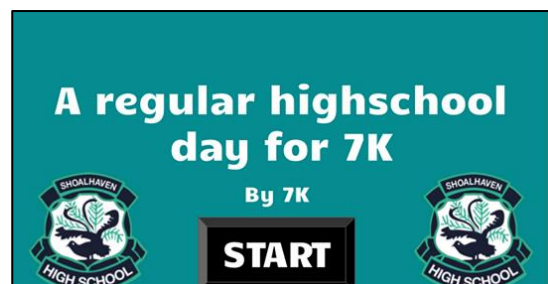
Year 7K (ASPIRE Class) have been working on "A regular highschool day for 7K" virtual tour of the school.

Click on the link below to check out their fantastic work.

Navigate around by clicking on the arrows and words.

There are over 400 slides, so go back and try alternative paths to view them all.

[A Regular High School Day for 7K](#)



ZOHAN ZEE KHAN

Years 7, 8 and 9 ASPIRE classes participated in a workshop with Zohab Zee Khan. Zohab Zee Khan is an Australian poetry slam champion, rapper and educator. He has performed and run many educational workshops in countries around the world. He is also the co-founder of The Pakistan Poetry Slam. Zohab ran a poetry workshop with ASPIRE across periods 5 and 6. He performed some of his poems and gave the students lots of opportunities to write and learn about poetry.

We thank Miss Bailey for her organisation. We also thank Zohab for his entertaining and educational workshop.



YEAR 11 MODERN HISTORY

Year 11 Modern History students have had an amazing day at Quarantine Station, Manly. Students investigated the site and learnt about the fascinating history and significance of several of the buildings. We concluded the night with a ghost tour!! Spoooooooooooooky 😱

Year 11 Modern History woke up to the skyline of Sydney the next morning. No spooky business to report after their ghost tour last night.



COMMERICAL KITCHEN

Shoalhaven High students working in the Commercial Kitchen.

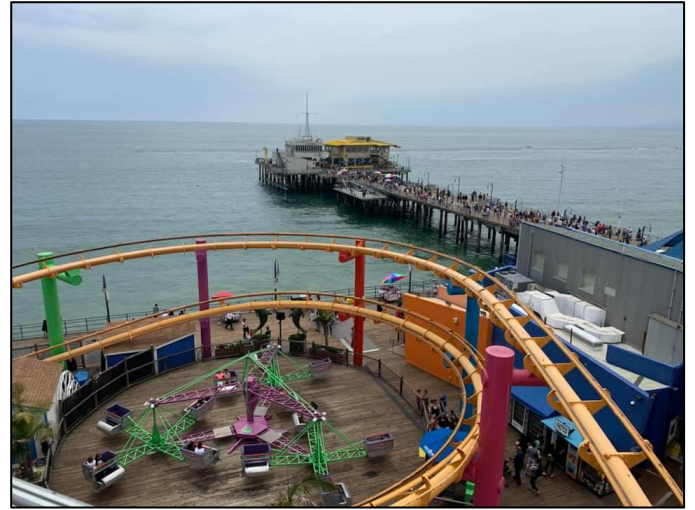


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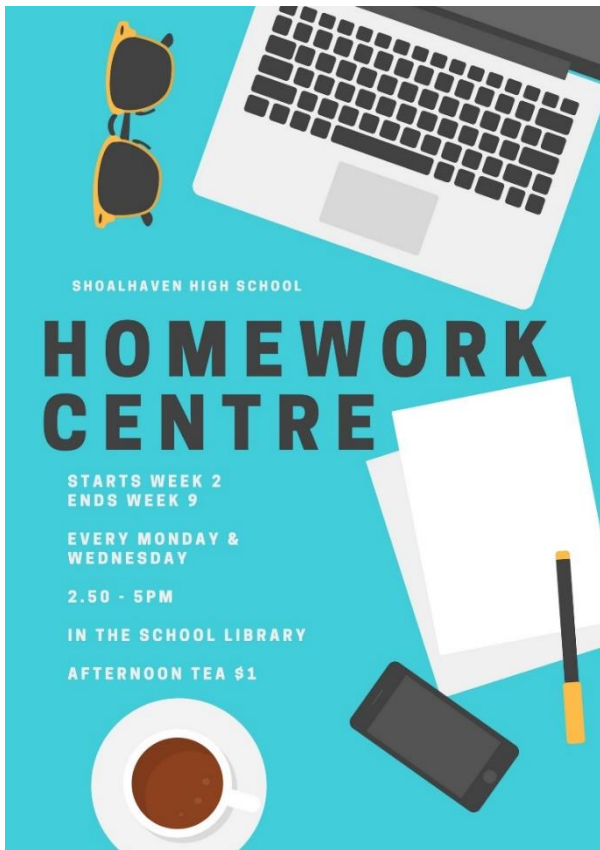
2019 AMERICA EXCURSION

A snapshot of the amazing places and events our students participating in while in America.





HOMWORK CENTRE



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is on before school each Thursday and Friday at the uniform shop. Anybody can come and it is run by staff volunteers.

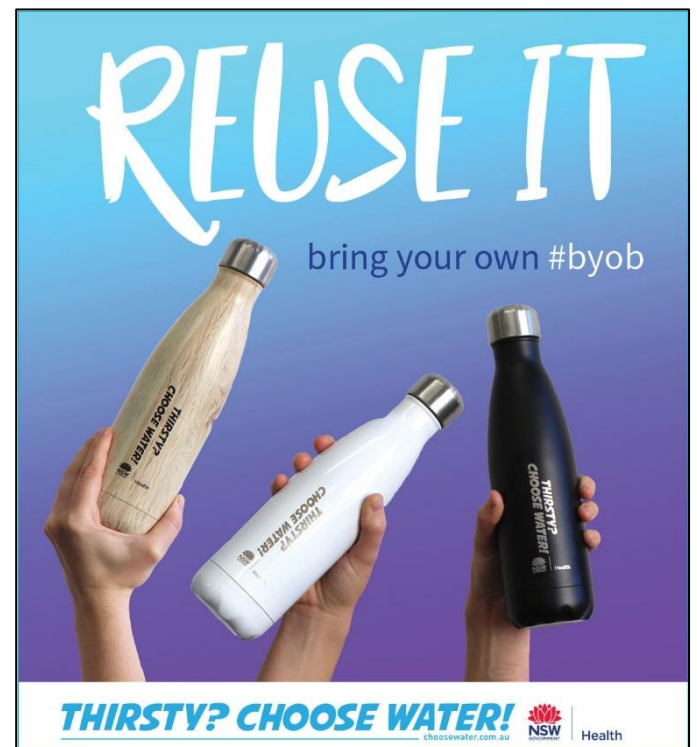
Fruit is also available from Lisa in the Admin/Welfare Office at the bottom of A block.



2019 HSC TIMETABLE



[2019 HSC Timetable](#)

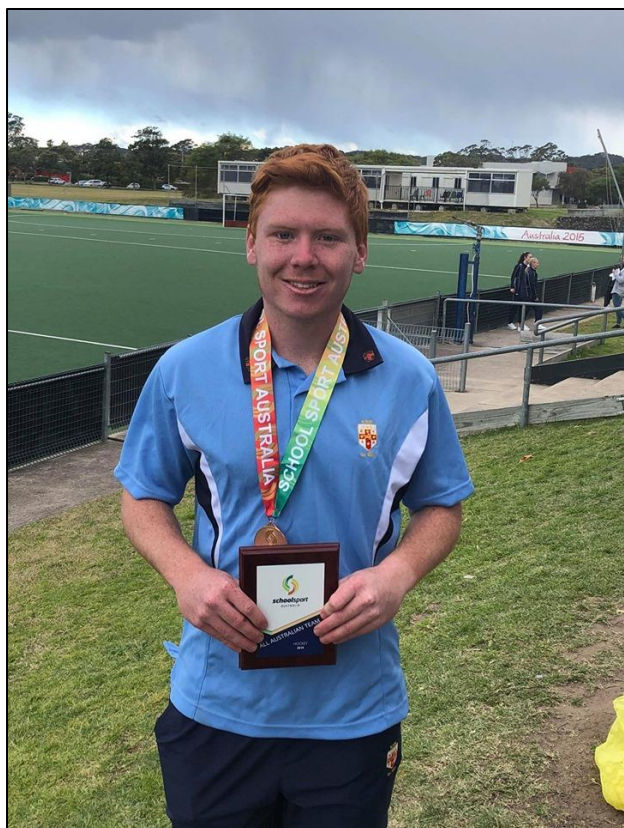


SPORT NEWS

Sam Wright-Smith

Congratulations to Sam Wright-Smith who won bronze today at the Australian Under 16 All Schools Hockey Nationals, and has also been named in the Australian Under 16 All Schools team to tour South Africa next year.

[South Coast Register article](#)



Coondoo Classic

Jayden White, Hayley White, Jack Tekis and Thomas Dobell competed in the Coondoo inter school mountain biking competition



Under 15 Year Basketball

Shoalhaven High School Under 15 Boys and Girls basketball team recently competed in the Zone Basketball at Bomaderry Stadium

Although there were no wins for either team, a great display of sportsmanship and effort was shown. All players are to be commended.



BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY (BYOT)

Please have a read of the BYOT Policy/Guidelines on our website (Under Our school then BYOT) or click on the link below, for the expectations on how technology and mobile phones are used at our school, and the consequences for misuse of the technology.

[BYOT Policy](#)

BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY

Positive Choices

1. Students putting phones on silent and putting them away in bags or in the facility provided by teachers, if they are not required for the lesson. Other devices are also put away, if this is requested.
2. Students following teacher instructions, so that they are using devices appropriately during the lesson.
3. Students showing staff their work if they are using devices, whenever they are asked to do so during the course of the lesson.

The following are examples of positive uses for devices in lessons that your teachers may access in classes:

- research activities which involve the use of internet access.
- note taking, video making for projects and assessments.
- photographing notifications of tasks and work not completed on boards.
- recording the progress of work in practical classes.
- using the calendar to create homework / due date entries/ excursion/ test notifications – student diary/ organiser.
- timekeeping/ stop watch for speeches/calculator.
- using SRN, One Note, Kahoot or other appropriate software to allow student responses/ organise tasks.
- teacher directed quizzes.
- dictionary/ thesaurus work.
- recording and storage for multimedia tasks.
- submission of tasks via email.
- accessing ABC iView, educational apps.
- recording information whilst on excursions.

Negative Choices

1. Students not putting phones in bags, the facility which may be provided by staff in classes or in a place acceptable to staff, and not turning them off, if they are not being used for the lesson.
2. Students not having "lids ajar" on laptops, or not removing earphones when requested to do so by staff.
3. Students refusing to use technology in accordance with teacher instructions.

This includes:

- Students texting or calling others on mobiles during class time.
- Students refusing to show staff their work on the technology.
- Students failing to make a reasonable effort with the technology to complete work.
- Students passing mobiles to others for inappropriate use or not handing phones to staff before going to the toilet.
- Students playing games on their device during lessons.
- Students using technology to bully, harass, offend or threaten others – includes illegal filming/ photography = serious offence!

Being able to use technology in class is the teacher's choice, not the student's choice! There are consequences for any student who breaks the rules.

UNIFORM POLICY

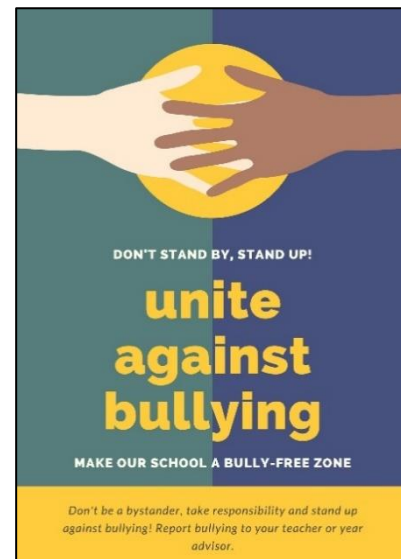
The Shoalhaven High School Uniform Policy is found on our School website under 'Our School' or click on the link

[2018 Uniform Policy](#)

ANTI-BULLYING PLAN

The Shoalhaven High School Anti-bullying Plan is found on our School website under 'Our School' or click on the link

[Anti-bullying Plan](#)



STUDENT TIMETABLES

Students now have access to view their timetable for 2018 online via the Student/Parent Sentral Portal.

To access, please visit <https://web2.shoalhaven-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login> then log in with your DoE username and password.

Shoalhaven High School Student and Parent Portal login screen with fields for Username and Password, and a Sign In button.

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

- 1 Download the app**
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**
Search for your school and add your subscription groups

SkoolBag



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court - Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*.

The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php>

For further advice contact

Educational services

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement and Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5356

www.dec.nsw.gov.au

Do you need an interpreter?

If you need help with English and would like further information please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on **131 450** and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

JERVIS BAY MARITIME MUSEUM



Photo competition

Attention photographers. Get snapping! Enter our Photographic Competition!

Jervis Bay Maritime Museum, celebrating National Science Week, is holding a photographic competition with the theme, Our Moon. Be creative in your interpretation of the theme in any photographic style.

- Two sections: Open and School Students.
- Prizes will be awarded.
- Entry fee: \$10 Open, \$5 School Students.
- Submit photos in digital form by July 1.

For more information email:

enquiries@jbmm.asn.au



2nd \$100 VOUCHER FOR CHILDREN'S SPORT AND RECREATION

Parents in NSW are now able to claim a 2nd \$100 towards extra-curricular sport and other physical activity fees thanks to the NSW Government's **Active Kids** program.

Active Kids will provide a 2nd \$100 voucher for parents to put towards sporting fees and registration costs for every school-aged child in NSW.

The health of our children is a priority for me and every parent. I hope this makes a difference in enabling you to enrol your child in the sport or physical activity of your choice.

Families will be able to use the voucher for registration and membership costs, as well as fees for activities such as swimming and dance.

The annual vouchers are **not be means tested** because the NSW Government wants every child from every family to get active and involved in community sport and fitness.

Parents are able to use each voucher to claim up to \$100 per school-child, per calendar year to reduce the cost of sport registration or membership of approved active recreation activities.

More details about the program and eligible sports is available at www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids or by phoning Service NSW on 13 77 88

Shelley Hancock MP
Member for South Coast

SOUTHERN STARS - COME ALIVE 2019

COME ALIVE includes two circus troupes, audience favourites - the NSW Public School Millennial Marching Band, a 600 strong choir, rock band, our Aboriginal dance ensemble, massive student orchestra, the Black Swans with an original item based on stories of the Illawarra, 2000 dancers, amazingly talented featured artists, the signing choir and disABILITY students fully integrated with our drama students and vocalists, and much more.

As in past years, community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success, and the easiest way of showing your support is by attending one of the four blockbuster shows.

It doesn't matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy spectacle which provides great entertainment for people of all ages. The talent, energy and enthusiasm of our students, is something not to be missed. Anyone who has attended a show says so!

Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 23 (10am and 7.30pm) and Saturday August 24 (2pm and 7.30pm) - make sure you are one of them!

Please note that tickets should be purchased only through the official ticket booking site of Ticketmaster. <http://ticketmaster.com.au>

You can stay informed about what's coming up in the show, by visiting our Facebook page Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular and Instagram @southernstarsareaspectacular. Please like us and share the stories and pictures with all your friends and family.



JERVIS BAY MARITIME MUSEUM

SCIENCE ON THE BRAIN?

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK
AUGUST 9 - 18 2019



ADULT EVENTS
EVERYTHING FROM SHARKS TO SPACE!

FREE & FUN!

FULL PROGRAM ONLINE

www.jervisbaymaritimemuseum.com.au

national science week 2019 JERVIS BAY MARITIME MUSEUM & GALLERY

KANGAROO VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL

Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival October 18 - 20
KVFF is once again providing an opportunity for young performers/bands to play at the festival. Every youth act selected will receive a free weekend ticket and will get a performance spot in the "Chill Out Tent", our dedicated youth venue, and will have the opportunity to perform in one of the other blackboard venues.

It doesn't have to be folk music - it can be whatever you like, but we definitely prefer live music rather than a recorded backing track.

To apply, just go to the Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival website and follow the links. While you are there, check out some of the acts that will be coming to the festival. It's not strictly folk music - there is something for everyone.

Rob Cleary 0417449059



The Trust the Signs Tour is coming to Nowra

FREE event - all welcome

Learn when and how to ask R U OK? | BBQ | Activities for all ages

More info at ruok.org.au

Date: Saturday, 7 September

Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Venue: Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre



FREE YOUTH HEALTH CLINIC

A free youth clinic is available for young people 12-24 years

A doctor is available on Tuesdays and Fridays
Shoalhaven Youth Health

CROSSROADS

49 Worrigea Street Nowra 2541

Ph 44231784



Nowra Waterdragons

Dragonboat and Outrigger Canoe Club Inc

Nowra Waterdragons Community Regatta

Sunday, 15th September, 2019

**Greys Beach, Shoalhaven
River, Nowra.**

Promoting Community and Corporate Fun and Fitness

Team Composition

- All teams will consist of 16-20 paddlers (max.10 men).
- If you don't have a team, contact us and we'll put you in a team.
- Minimum age 12 years
- We will provide DBNSW accredited sweeps.
- A team training session will be arranged prior to the regatta.
- No team will be allowed to race unless most of its paddlers have received at least one training session this year.

Entry Fees - (includes insurance)

- ACT and Sports teams \$25/ paddler
- School student teams \$60 / team
- Community/ Business teams \$25/paddler (max. \$500/team)
- 2 practice sessions prior to racing if required

**Entries and fees must be received in full by 7th September,
2019**

- Fees payable by cheque or direct deposit:

Nowra Waterdragons
St George Bank:BSB 112-879 Acc No. 482 442 943
Food and drinks available.

Contact: Peter Phillips 0410040507
Wendy Cooper 0401121489
email: bindoncl@smartchat.net.au
facebook: nowrawaterdragons

This is a DBNSW sanctioned event

SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL

Apprenticeships and traineeships for 2020

Applications are open now and close soon for:

Water Operations Traineeship
Electronic and Communication Apprenticeship
Engineering - Mechanical (Fitter) Apprenticeship
Electrical Apprenticeship

More information and applications at

<http://www.hvtc.com.au/jobs>

Shoalhaven High School will, as a service to parents, advertise community news which may be of interest. SHS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility to the management or organisation.



Disabled Surfers South Coast

Presents

Mollymook 'Smiles on Dials Day'

Saturday 9th November 2019

Meet at Mollymook Beach, southern end near the Golf Club



Check-in no later than 9.30am - Group-care facility participants limit of 6 per facility

A fun day surfing experience for any person with a disability, no matter how challenging, with complete water supervision.

Registration for Participants is \$10 and all participants receive a bag of goodies. Thanks to the local participating surf shops and businesses.

Free registration for Volunteer Helpers and for giving up your time you will receive FREE Sausage Sizzle on the day.

check out the video on Face Book!

<https://www.facebook.com/disabledsurfersassociationouthcoast>

Or for more information and who to contact view disabledsurfers.org/nsw/south-coast-branch or www.disabledsurfers.org



See you there putting
"Smiles on dials"

